

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS**

**Call to Order:** Chair Ted Washburn, on February 1, 2011 at 3:00 PM, in Room 152  
Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Ted Washburn, Chair (R)  
Rep. Mike Phillips, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Jeffery W. Welborn, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Carlie Boland (D)  
Rep. Pat Connell (R)  
Rep. Virginia Court (D)  
Rep. Robyn Driscoll (D)  
Rep. Kelly Flynn (R)  
Rep. Bill Harris (R)  
Rep. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R)  
Rep. Dan Kennedy (R)  
Rep. Austin Knudsen (R)  
Rep. Cleve J. Loney (R)  
Rep. Mike Miller (R)  
Rep. Ken Peterson (R)  
Rep. Jean Price (D)  
Rep. Dan Skattum (R)  
Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)  
Rep. Max Yates (R)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** Rep. Jesse O'Hara (R)  
Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)

**Staff Present:** Cara Gold, Committee Secretary  
Hope Stockwell, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 214, 1/26/2011; HB 282, 1/26/2011; HB 289, 1/26/2011  
Executive Action: HB 209; HB 261; HB 272

00:00:02 The Chairman welcomed the committee and reviewed the committee rules and agenda.

00:01:28 Rep. O'Hara entered the hearing.

**HEARING ON HB 289**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:40 Rep. Gerald (Jerry) Bennett (R), HD 1, opened the hearing on HB 289, Provide for a three-year waiting period on mountain lion license.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:03:47 Don Clark, Self  
[EXHIBIT\(fih25a01\)](#)

00:04:13 Rep. Peterson left the hearing.

00:06:19 Rep. Kennedy left the hearing.

00:07:44 Rod Bullis, Self  
[EXHIBIT\(fih25a02\)](#)

00:08:27 Rep. Kennedy returned to the hearing.

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:11:36 Tim Ravndal, Self

**Informational Testimony:**

00:15:36 Dave Risley, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)  
[EXHIBIT\(fih25a03\)](#)

00:15:57 Rep. Peterson returned to the hearing.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:18:28 Rep. Miller  
00:18:43 Dave Risley  
00:18:58 Rep. Kennedy  
00:19:11 Dave Risley  
00:19:28 Rep. Loney

00:19:43 Dave Risley  
00:20:08 Rep. Flynn  
00:20:25 Dave Risley  
00:20:50 Rep. Washburn  
00:21:03 Dave Risley  
00:21:10 Rep. Washburn  
00:21:14 Dave Risley  
00:21:19 Rep. Washburn  
00:21:24 Dave Risley

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:21:49 Rep. Bennett

**HEARING ON HB 282**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:24:14 Rep. Kelly Flynn (R), HD 68, opened the hearing on HB 282, Revise law on registration for sale of grizzly bears or hides, heads, mounts.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:27:02 Sam Murfitt, Self  
00:28:58 Rep. Phillips left the hearing.  
00:35:07 George Golie, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)  
00:35:43 Jack Atcheson Jr., Self  
00:37:38 Rep. Phillips returned to the hearing.  
00:38:21 Greg Duncan, Self  
00:39:41 Jim Kropp, FWP  
[EXHIBIT\(fih25a04\)](#)  
[EXHIBIT\(fih25a05\)](#)  
[EXHIBIT\(fih25a06\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:43:03 Rep. Washburn  
00:43:17 Jim Kropp  
00:43:48 Rep. Knudsen  
00:44:49 Rep. Flynn  
00:45:35 Rep. Connell  
00:46:07 Jim Kropp

00:47:06 Rep. Peterson  
00:47:27 Sam Murfitt  
00:48:05 Rep. Peterson  
00:48:41 Rep. Washburn  
00:49:01 Jim Kropp  
00:49:15 Rep. Kennedy  
00:49:34 Dave Risley, FWP  
00:50:36 Jim Kropp  
00:50:59 Rep. Peterson  
00:51:36 Jim Kropp

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:52:25 Rep. Flynn  
[EXHIBIT\(fih25a07\)](#)

**HEARING ON HB 214**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:55:53 Rep. Bill Harris (R), HD 30, opened the hearing on HB 214, Managing bison as livestock.  
[EXHIBIT\(fih25a08\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:58:49 Jeff Tiberi, Montana Association of Conservation Districts  
00:59:18 Willie Duffield, Phillips County Commissioners  
00:59:42 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association (Montana Wool Growers Association asked Mr. Bodner to inform the committee of their support of HB 214 also.)  
  
01:05:26 Rep. Wilmer entered the hearing.  
  
01:06:38 Carol Lambert, Women Involved in Farm Economics (WIFE)  
01:07:46 Ralph Mannix, Powell County Board of Commissioners

**Opponents' Testimony:**

01:08:29 Bob Lane, FWP  
[EXHIBIT\(fih25a09\)](#)  
  
01:12:34 Rep. Knudsen left the hearing.  
  
01:14:38 Stan Frasier, Self  
  
01:15:19 Rep. O'Hara left the hearing.  
  
01:16:09 Rep. Knudsen returned to the hearing.

01:18:00 Annie Glover, The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT)

[EXHIBIT\(fih25a10\)](#)

01:20:44 Tom Heyes, Self

[EXHIBIT\(fih25a11\)](#)

01:22:18 George Golie, MWF

01:24:46 Glenn Hockett, Gallatin Wildlife Association (GWA)

[EXHIBIT\(fih25a12\)](#)

01:26:48 Joe Gutkoski, Yellowstone Buffalo Foundation

01:27:52 Rep. Miller left the hearing.

01:30:34 Rep. O'Hara returned to the hearing.

01:30:58 Rep. Wilmer

**Informational Testimony:**

01:31:54 Martin Zaluski, Department of Livestock

01:35:00 Without objection the committee deemed the witness to be an opponent of HB 214.

01:35:09 Rep. Miller returned to the hearing.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:36:51 Rep. Washburn

01:37:09 Martin Zaluski

01:38:12 Rep. Peterson

01:38:13 Rep. Washburn

01:38:32 Rep. Knudsen

01:39:04 Rep. Harris

01:40:11 Rep. Miller

01:40:54 Bob Lane

01:41:21 John Grainger, Department of Livestock

01:41:58 Rep. Miller

01:42:17 John Grainger

01:42:44 Rep. Phillips

01:43:30 Bob Lane

01:44:28 Rep. Phillips

01:44:54 Bob Lane

01:46:11 Rep. Peterson

01:46:57 Annie Glover

01:47:29 Rep. Kennedy left the hearing.

01:47:34 Rep. Peterson

01:47:43 Annie Glover

01:47:53 Rep. Peterson

01:48:09 Annie Glover

01:48:46 Rep. Peterson  
 01:48:59 Annie Glover  
  
 01:49:38 Rep. Kennedy returned to the hearing.  
  
 01:50:08 Rep. Skattum  
 01:50:34 Martin Zaluski  
 01:51:23 Rep. Skattum  
 01:52:49 Rep. Loney  
 01:53:17 Stan Frasier  
 01:53:48 Rep. Loney  
 01:54:24 Jay Bodner  
 01:55:10 Rep. Flynn  
 01:55:36 Martin Zaluski  
 01:56:08 Rep. Flynn  
 01:56:18 George Harris, Department of Livestock  
 01:57:28 Rep. Welborn  
 01:58:06 Jay Bodner  
 01:58:09 Rep. Welborn  
 01:58:18 Jay Bodner  
 01:58:22 Rep. Welborn  
 01:58:34 Jay Bodner  
  
 01:58:54 Rep. Phillips left the hearing.  
  
 01:59:33 Rep. Loney  
 02:00:12 John Grainger  
  
 02:00:55 Rep. Phillips returned to the hearing.

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:02:02 Rep. Harris  
[EXHIBIT\(fih25a13\)](#)  
[EXHIBIT\(fih25a14\)](#)

02:19:15 Rep. Peterson and Rep. Flynn left the hearing.  
 02:19:17 Rep. Wilmer left the hearing.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 261**

02:20:29 **Motion:** Rep. O'Hara moved that **HB 261 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

02:20:39 Hope Stockwell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
 02:21:06 Rep. Driscoll  
 02:22:20 Hope Stockwell, LSD

02:22:47      **Motion:** Rep. Driscoll moved that **HB 261 BE AMENDED.**  
[EXHIBIT\(fih25a15\)](#)

**Discussion:**

02:22:48      Rep. Peterson returned to the hearing.

02:23:10      Rep. Kennedy

02:23:16      Rep. Driscoll

02:24:14      Rep. Skattum

02:24:21      Hope Stockwell

02:24:30      Rep. Knudsen

02:24:57      **Vote:** Motion carried 18-2 by roll call vote with Rep. Kary and Rep. Skattum voting no. Rep. Flynn and Rep. Wilmer voted by proxy.

02:26:05      **Motion:** Rep. Knudsen moved that **HB 261 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

02:27:22      Rep. Kary

02:28:05      Rep. Wilmer returned to the hearing.

02:29:33      **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Kary moved that **HB 261 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried 18-2 by voice vote with Rep. Flynn and Rep. Knudsen voting no. Rep. Flynn voted by proxy.

[EXHIBIT\(fih25a16\)](#)

02:30:04      **Motion:** Rep. Miller moved that **HB 261 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

02:30:31      Hope Stockwell

02:30:49      **Motion:** Rep. O'Hara moved that **HB 261 BE AMENDED.**

[EXHIBIT\(fih25a17\)](#)

**Discussion:**

02:31:43      Rep. Wilmer

02:31:52      Hope Stockwell

02:32:41      **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Flynn voted by proxy.

02:32:58      **Motion:** Rep. O'Hara moved that **HB 261 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

02:33:14 Rep. Court  
02:35:35 Rep. Knudsen  
02:36:16 Rep. Peterson

02:36:52 **Vote:** Motion carried 19-1 by roll call vote with Rep. Court voting no. Rep. Flynn voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 209**

02:38:59 **Motion:** Rep. O'Hara moved that **HB 209 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

02:41:10 Rep. Washburn  
[EXHIBIT\(fih25a18\)](#)

02:42:17 **Motion:** Rep. O'Hara moved that **HB 209 BE AMENDED.**  
[EXHIBIT\(fih25a19\)](#)

**Discussion:**

02:42:55 Rep. Washburn

02:43:30 **Vote:** Motion carried 15-5 by voice vote with Rep. Flynn, Rep. Knudsen, Rep. Loney, Rep. Miller and Rep. Wilmer voting no. Rep. Flynn voted by proxy.

02:45:00 Rep. Washburn

02:45:40 **Motion:** Rep. O'Hara moved that **HB 209 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

02:45:52 Rep. Miller  
02:46:07 Rep. Washburn  
02:46:16 Rep. Miller  
02:46:35 Rep. Washburn

02:46:55 **Vote:** Motion carried 14-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Boland, Rep. Court, Rep. Driscoll, Rep. Phillips, Rep. Price and Rep. Wilmer voting no. Rep. Flynn voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 272**

02:48:35 Hope Stockwell

02:48:37 Rep. Phillips left the hearing.

02:48:46 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. O'Hara moved that **HB 272 DO PASS**. Motion carried 14-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Boland, Rep. Court, Rep. Driscoll, Rep. Phillips, Rep. Price and Rep. Wilmer voting no. Rep. Flynn and Rep. Phillips voted by proxy.

02:50:45 Rep. Wahsburn

**ADJOURNMENT**

02:51:00      Adjournment

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Cara Gold, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([fih25aad.pdf](#))